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Maternity hospitals in the State.

* 905 *Q.*—Sri S. VEMIAH: Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state the number of Maternity hospitals in the State?

The Hon. Sri A. B. SHETTY:—" There are 49 maternity hospitals and 3 maternity dispensaries. In addition all the district headquarters and taluk headquarters hospitals have been provided with beds for maternity cases."

Settlement and survey of inam villages in Arantangi and Pattukkottai taluks.

* 906 *Q.*—Sri MAHAMED SALIH MARAIKAYAR: Will the Hon. the Minister for Land Revenue be pleased to state whether any settlement operations have commenced so far for the survey of inam villages of Arantangi and Pattukkottai taluks taken over by the Government?

The Hon. Sri M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER:— " Survey operations have already commenced in the Pattukkottai taluk and are expected to commence in the Arantangi taluk, by about January 1954."

Construction of anicuts on the Gomukhi and Manimuktha rivers in South Arcot.

* 907 *Q.*—Sri L. ANANDAN: Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether there is any scheme to construct anicuts on the Gomukhi and the Manimuktha rivers in Kallakurichi taluk in South Arcot district; and

(*b*) if so, the size of the ayacut proposed to be irrigated and the cost of the project and when it is proposed to be taken up for execution?

The Hon. Sri N. RANGA REDDI:—" (*a*) & (*b*) Proposals for the construction of reservoirs across the two rivers were recently examined but they could not be pursued in view of the large capital outlays involved and the poor returns and benefits anticipated. The Chief Engineer is however examining further whether the schemes can be modified so that smaller schemes may be executed at less cost with prospects of a reasonable yield of foodgrains."

Representations from the residents of Appavoonagar in Saidapet area.

* 908 *Q.*—Sri V. BALAKRISHNAN: Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have received petitions from the residents of Appavoonagar in Saidapet area of Madras City for inclusion of their locality in the City Improvement Trust Scheme; and